

Red Chinese Defects

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TAIPEI, Taiwan, Aug. 9 — Peking leaders say they have no intention of taking over Hong Kong or extending the Maoist Cultural Revolution there, Wu Shu-tung, a Hong Kong Communist who defected to Nationalist China, said here today.

Wu, 61, slipped secretly across the China Sea Aug. 2 to Taiwan with his wife. His defection was not known of until today.

Managing director of the big China Publishing Co., he was a member of the Kwangtung Provincial Committee of the People's Political Consultative Council. [The Associated Press also identified him as a member of Hong Kong's Anti-persecution Struggle Committee, but quoted an official of the colony's government who called him "really quite a small fry."]

Wu told a press conference here that pro-Peking "agitators" in Hong Kong were unable to stop their anti-government campaign. "They are just like losers in a gambling game. Naturally they want to prolong the game," he said.

[In Hong Kong, police served notice on pro-Peking newspapers to stop urging defiance of authorities by arresting two publishers, an editor and two printing-company directors.]

[On mainland Kowloon, a home-made bomb injured six persons after policemen tried to disperse a group of teenagers putting up posters.]